

Student University Clinical Aptitude Test Preparation Grant Guidelines



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1. Grant Overview

Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) is a not-for profit government-funded organisation aimed at improving health care for rural, regional and Aboriginal communities in Victoria.

The Student University Clinical Aptitude Test Preparation Grant is funded by RWAV as part of the Australian Government Department of Health Rural Health Workforce Support program.

The purpose of the grant is to encourage year 12 students living in or attending a high school in rural or regional Victoria, interested in studying medicine at Monash University, the opportunity to participate in preparation classes for the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT).

In partnership with MedEntry, RWAV is offering grants that cover the two-day UCAT preparation workshops. These will run as interactive, livestream online events in 2025. Successful applicants will also have access to MedEntry's online resources well in advance of the workshop.

2. Eligibility

Students must:

- Be studying year 12 and confirm they are studying or have studied Units 3 and 4 English (EAL) or English other than EAL and Unit 3 and 4 Chemistry.
- Reside or attend school in an MMM 3-7 location in rural Victoria. If the applicant is a boarder in a metro location for educational purposes then the location of their family home will be considered upon application. To check your MMM location eligibility see the Doctor Connect website here. <u>http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/</u>.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students need to be located in Victoria but NO other Location restrictions apply.

- Be able to attend and nominate the date of one of the MedEntry two-day online workshops held from January to July 2025. See upcoming dates at https://www. medentry.edu.au/ucat-workshop - Scroll down to the 'View Schedule' button to see the schedule.
- Be considering applying to study Medicine at Monash University in Victoria.
- Be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents.
- Display strong passion for rural health and rural communities and provide details of any community engagement undertaken.

3. Eligible Activities

• Participation in the MedEntry 2-day online UCAT preparatory workshop

4. Funding Available

The Student University Clinical Aptitude Test Preparation Grant covers the student's course cost. Payment is made directly from RWAV to MedEntry. RWAV pays course fees directly to MedEntry.

Students who fail to attend a workshop in 2025 may be liable to return grant funding administered on their behalf to RWAV.

Students who are awarded grant funds are required to participate in longitudinal studies mapping their progress from secondary school to university. Applicants who do not participate in these studies may be liable to re-pay funds that were administered on their behalf.

This grant aims to encourage rural students to pursue a career in rural medicine. Students who do not pass the UCAT exam or are not accepted into Monash University, **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to return grant funding to RWAV.

5. Application Process

*Applications will open in January 2025.

All applications must be made through the <u>MyRWAV portal</u> accessed on the RWAV website prior to the activity taking place.

Students must;

- Complete the 2024/2025 UCAT Exam Preparation Grant application form. The application form can be accessed via the RWAV website: <u>https://www.rwav.com.au/grants-page/</u>
- Provide a reference letter from a mentor, teacher, family member (excluding parents), coach etc. speaking to the student's passion for medicine. The letter must include contact details for the referee so that RWAV can contact them if necessary.
- To complete the application form students must provide one (1) of the following:
- Australian Drivers licence;
- Statutory Declaration;
- Letter from your school;
- Student card;
- Proof of age card
- Utility bill

*If the student is a boarder at a school in a MMM1-2 location, then proof of the family residence will be accepted.

• Students need to nominate the workshop dates that they will attend in 2025 in their grant application form and will be automatically registered for those dates

You may be asked to provide more information to support your application.

Submitting your application does not guarantee you will be successful.

6. Notification of Applications

RWAV will notify you of the outcome of your application via email. Please note applications may take up to six (6) weeks to be assessed, approved, and processed.

If your application is unsuccessful, RWAV will provide an explanation as to why your application has been declined.

- · Grants are assessed on a first in first served basis
- Assessment will include a review of the responses to the questions in the application form and the applicant's rural background.
- The grant will close once funding has been expended
- Applications submitted after the grant has closed will not be accepted.

7. Complaints and Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants who wish to appeal the outcome of their application should initially email the grants team at grants@rwav.com.au to determine if they may be eligible to access funding and/or support from other sources to meet their upskilling or professional development needs. If the matter is not resolved applicants can appeal to the Manager Strategy and Partenrship to consider their case.

8. More Information

Any questions relating to the Student University Clinical Aptitude Test Preparation Grant should be directed to the Grants Administrator at <u>Grants@rwav.com.au</u> or via phone on 03 9349 7800



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